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Dear Department of Ecology,

I have concerns about the proposed FRE dam on the upper Chehalis River. I have read that the DEIS found that the project would cause significant and unavoidable harm to salmon and steelhead. This stretch of the river is one of the Basin's key spawning areas, and once damaged, these habitats cannot be replaced.

Additionally, I am concerned about the cost of the proposed structure, as well as the unresolved safety and geotechnical risks that were identified in the DEIS. At an estimated \$1.3–\$2.3 billion, the dam would offer limited benefits while putting the river's ecological health and the communities that rely on it at long-term risk.

More effective, less damaging flood-reduction approaches already exist, including the Local Actions Non-Dam Alternative. I urge Ecology to pursue these solutions instead of the proposed dam.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,
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